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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) This action is FINAL.      2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,5,6 and 9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 3,4,7 and 8 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 2 & 5.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. \_\_\_\_.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: \_\_\_\_.

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The specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors. Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ikeda et al. (USP-6,067,284).

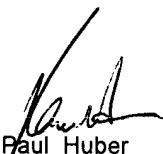
Ikeda et al discloses an optical disk apparatus in which an active (recording) layer of an optical disk 72 is irradiated with a laser. See figures 1A, 1B, & 2. A detection means (temperature sensor 36) detects an amount of change in a factor (temperature) causing fluctuations in effective power, the effective power being the laser power at the active layer of the optical disk. See col. 4, lines 12-16. A storage means 210 stores compensation data (default power tables 212, 214 and temperature correction coefficient table 216) which indicates a relationship between an amount of change in the factor (temperature) causing fluctuation in effective power and an optimum emitting power corresponding to the amount of that change. See figures 6A & 6B. "The temperature correction coefficients  $K_t$  in the temperature correction coefficient table 216 of FIG. 9 are set to values when a temperature (T) in the apparatus = 25° C" (col. 11, lines 43-46). See col. 17, lines 42-57, which further teaches that "by substituting the temperature (T) in the apparatus into the relational equation [shown in figure 15], a value of the corresponding temperature coefficient  $K_t$  is obtained. By multiplying this value by the default offset ratio  $\Delta WP_0$  obtained at the temperature (T=25° C.), the default offset ratio  $\Delta WP_0$  which is used for calculation of the optimum writing power can be obtained". A control means 224 adjusts the emitted power based on the compensation data and a value detected by the detection means.

Regarding claim 2, Ikeda et al teaches acquisition means (power table forming unit 206) for acquiring from an optical disk on which recording is to be carried out, compensation correction values for correcting the compensation data. The control means adjusts emitted power based on the detected values, the compensation data, and the compensation correction values.

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Claims 3, 4, 7, and 8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Paul Huber at telephone number 703-308-1549.



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